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Good afternoon,

I wanted to share an article by Michael Graham on *Inside Sources* titled "[Azerbaijan Pushes Back Against Critics, Pledges to Protect Christian Sites.](#)" The article notes that Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev pledged that Christian churches will be protected and quotes Ambassador of Azerbaijan to the U.S. Elin Suleymanov as saying, "We are a secular country known for our tolerance. We're home to one of the oldest Jewish communities in the Muslim world. We've hosted two Popes in the past twenty years. We have many Christians and people of other faiths who live here."

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,  
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